

SENATE CHAMBER. }
 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 1846. }
 9 o'clock A. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment—roll called and a quorum present.

Journal of the preceding day was read and adopted.

Senator Wallace, chairman of the committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom was referred a bill regulating elections, reported the same back to the Senate and recommended its passage, with the following amendments.

In section 2, 2nd line, strike out "shall be" and insert "as."

In 3rd and 4th lines, strike out "which forms."

Section 9, 7th line, after "and" insert "which form."

Section 12, 5th line, strike out "in a distinct voice."

Strike out all after "office" in 5th line to "candidate" in 6th line.

In 7th and 8th lines strike out "in an audible voice."

Section 13, 19th line, strike out "and" and insert "or."

Section 19, 11th line, between "authorize" and "which" insert "or on failure so to do, shall be subject to prosecution by indictment in the District Court of the county in which he resides, and on conviction thereof may be fined in any sum not less than two nor more than five hundred dollars."

Section 24, add "or on failure so to do he shall be subject to be proceeded against, and fined as prescribed in the 19th section of this act."

Section 25, strike out "in a fair hand."

Section 26, 7th line, after "and" strike out "be disabled to be elected for two years" and insert "be thereafter ineligible to office."

Amendments adopted, and bill passed to 3rd reading.

Senator McNeel reported the correct engrossment of

A bill to establish a General Land Office of the State.

A bill to amend the 1st section of an act passed February 14th, 1840, entitled an act to provide for the issuing of duplicate land warrants, discharges &c., on certain conditions.

A bill requiring the holders of land claims to locate the same, and

A bill to define the time of holding the courts in the several judicial districts.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Bill to amend the 1st section of an act to provide for the is-

suings of duplicate land warrants, discharges and certificates on certain conditions; read 3rd time and passed.

Bill to prevent slaves from hiring their own time; read 3rd time and passed.

Bill to establish a General Land Office; read 3rd time and passed.

Bill for the relief of John Karner; read 3rd time and passed.

Senator Williams, chairman of the committee on Public Lands, recommended the Senate to disagree to the amendments of the House, to a bill requiring County Surveyors to record certain field notes.

Report adopted.

Bill providing how the new counties created by this Legislature out of the county of Nacogdoches, shall pay their portion of the debt of said county; read 3rd time and passed.

Bill to provide for raising a jury fund; read 3rd time and passed.

Bill to prescribe the duties and powers of the Commissioners appointed to locate the county seat of Panola and Upshur counties; read 3rd time and passed.

Bill requiring the county Treasurer of Paschal county to pay over all moneys in his hands, on the abolishment of his office; read 3rd time and passed.

The Senate refused to recede from their amendment to a bill regulating appeals to the Supreme Court in criminal cases, and appointed Senators Phillips and Wallace a committee of conference.

Bill to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue a patent to Joseph McGee; read 3rd time and passed.

Bill to define the time of holding elections for members of Congress; ordered to be engrossed.

Bill for the relief of Thomas Anderson; referred to Judiciary Committee.

Bill to provide for the payment of commissioners appointed by the several acts passed creating new counties; ordered to be engrossed.

Bill to prevent the sale of ardent spirits to slaves; referred to select committee.

Senators Miller, Grimes and Wallace were appointed said committee.

Bill to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents in the name and by the authority of the

State of Texas; referred to committee on Public Lands.

A bill to repeal an act additional to an act approved 5th February, 1841; read 3rd time.

Senator Williams moved to amend the caption by inserting "which act was approved June 29th, 1845."

Adopted.

Yeas and nays called on passage of the bill, stood thus:

Yeas. Senators, Bagby, Burleson, Hogg, McKinney, McNeel, Miller, Navarro, Phillips, Robinson, Wallace, Williams and Williamson—12.

Nays. Senators, Bourland and Grimes—2.

So the bill passed.

Senator Brashear was added to the committee on Engrossed and Enrolled bills.

Bill making valid all patents issued in the name of deceased persons; read 1st time.

Bill requiring the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents on unconditional land certificates; read 1st time.

Bill to provide for the loss of field notes; read 1st time.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had concurred in the Senate's amendments to the bill requiring the county of Newton to pay a portion of the debt of Jasper county, and refused to concur in the 3rd amendment of the Senate to "a bill regulating appeals to the Supreme Court in criminal cases," also transmitting the following bills:

A bill to provide for the loss of field notes of surveys.

A bill requiring the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents upon unconditional head right certificates for land.

A bill making valid all patents issuing in the name of deceased persons.

A message was received from the Governor informing the Senate of the approval of the following bills:

An act to provide for the organization of the counties of San Patricio and Nueces.

Joint resolution prescribing the mode of notifying the Governor when a bill creating a private corporation has constitutionally passed both houses of the Legislature.

Joint Resolution to authorize E. G. Rector to sell his donation claim for 640 acres.

A bill to authorize the Governor to procure and have copied

for the use of the State, a full set of weights and measures.

Laid on the table.

A bill requiring the holders of land claims to locate the same; read 3rd time and passed.

A bill organizing Justices Courts and defining the powers and jurisdiction of the same: read 2nd time.

Senator Hogg moved to strike out the 5th section of the bill.

Yeas. Senators, Grimes, Hogg, Navarro, Phillips, and Williamson—5.

Nays. Senators, Bagby, Bourland, Brashear, Burleson, Jewett, McKinney, McNeel, Miller, Parker, Robinson, Wallace, Williams and Wood—13.

Lost.

Senator Jewett moved to insert "a jury of the county."

Carried and bill passed to 3rd reading.

Senate adjourned, until to-morrow, 9 o'clock A. M.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
THURSDAY, April 30, 1846. }
9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment—roll called, and a quorum present.

Journals of the preceding day, read and adopted.

Senator Williams, chairman of the committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of Seth Ingram,

Reported that the committee have considered the same, and are of opinion that it would be inexpedient to appropriate lands unless in accordance with laws in force previous to the annexation of Texas to the United States, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

Report adopted.

Also, to whom was referred a resolution of the Senate instructing the committee to report the expediency of a bill to authorize the owners of head right certificates to locate the same in more than two places.

Reported against such permission, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

Report adopted.